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**Sent:** Monday, December 5, 2016 5:54 PM  
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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

After all, that is what an OATH is all about: TRUTH. I swore in hundreds, if not thousands of witnesses and jurors in my Federal Court career. Shouldn't that be the core of what we uphold? Authentic Truth and Belief in something that is the core of who we are? Why should it be a crime, punishable by disbarment when truth and action based upon integrity, fairness and objectivity? Your rule will punish people and lawyers, by showing them they cannot be TRUE nor live out their passion without aggression, either from the government, or from the court. What a SHAME. And if you do---Shame on you.

It is a VIOLATION of free exercise of religion and faith in the public square. It is VIOLATING our freedom of speech and just because you personally might not believe it, doesn't mean WE and ALL people, even lawyers, should be disbarred, and therefore PUNISHED for our personal, and sincerely held faith beliefs.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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